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In the opinion of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, a requirement that a claim for damages against a telegraph company must be presented within sixty days is not reasonable in the case of a message sent from Philadelphia to Shanghai, from which no answer would come in the ordinary course of business, except by mail: *Conrad v. Western Union Tel. Co.*, 29 Atl. Rep. 888.

According to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, a title conditioned that no mill, factory, brewery or distillery shall be erected on the premises, will not satisfy a stipulation in the agreement of sale that the title shall be good and marketable, and clear of all incumbrances: *Batley v. Foerderer*, 29 Atl. Rep. 868.

The Circuit Court for the District of Indiana has recently held, discountenancing *Jean v. Pa. Co.*, 36 N. E. Rep. 159, and the other Indiana cases cited, that the superabundant waters of a river, at times of ordinary flood, spreading beyond its banks, but forming one body and flowing within their accustomed boundaries in such floods are not surface waters, which a riparian owner may turn off as he will: *Cairo, V. & C. Ry. Co. v. Brevoort*, 62 Fed. Rep. 129.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[All legal works received before the first of the month will be reviewed in the issue of the month following. Books should be sent to W. S. Ellis, Esq., 738 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.]

TREATISES, TEXT-BOOKS, ETC.

SOURCES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO COLONIAL AND ENGLISH HISTORY. By C. ELLIS STEVENS, LL.D. New York: Macmillan & Co. 1894.

COMMENTARIES ON AMERICAN LAW. By JAMES KENT, LL.D. Edited by WM. HARCASTLE BROWNE, A.M. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1894.

HANDBOOK OF COMMON LAW PLEADING. By BENJAMIN J. SHIPMAN. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1894.

NEW ROADS AND ROAD LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES. By ROY STONE, Vice-President of National League for Good Roads. New York: D. Van Nostrand & Co. 1894.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATORS, with Special Reference to the Tennessee Statutes and Decisions. By ROBERT PRITCHARD, of the Chattanooga Bar. Chattanooga: Pritchard &Sizer. 1894.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF RES JUDICATA, including the Doctrines of Jurisdiction, Bar by Suit and Lis Pendens. By HUKM CHAND, M.A. Printed at the Education Society's Steam Press, Byculla, Bombay. William Clowes & Son, London. William Green & Sons, Edinburgh. 1894.

THE NATURE OF THE STATE. By DR. PAUL CARUS. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. 1894.

SELECTED CASES.

A SELECTION OF CASES AND OTHER AUTHORITIES UPON CRIMINAL LAW. By JOSEPH HENRY BEALE, JR., Assistant Professor of Law in Harvard University. Cambridge: Harvard Law Review Publishing Association. 1894.

AMERICAN ELECTRICAL CASES, being a Collection of all the Important Cases (excepting Patent Cases) Decided in the State and Federal Courts from 1873 on Subjects Relating to the Telegraph, Telephone, etc., with Annotations. Edited by WILLIAM W. MORRILL. Vol. I (1873-1885). Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1894.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

TABLES FOR ASCERTAINING THE PRESENT VALUE OF VESTED AND CONTINGENT RIGHTS OF DOWER, CURTESY, ANNUITIES AND OTHER LIFE ESTATES; DAMAGES FOR DEATH OR INJURY BY WRONGFUL ACT, ETC. Based chiefly upon the Carlisle Table of Mortality. Computed and Compiled by FLORIEN GIAUQUE and HENRY B. MCCLURE. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co. 1894.

PAMPHLETS.

GREAT DISSENTING OPINIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. A paper read at the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association (1894). By HAMPTON L. CARSON, of the Philadelphia Bar.

PROBLEMS AND QUIZ IN COMMON LAW PLEADING. By EARL HOPKINS. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1894.

BOOK REVIEWS.

A TREATISE ON THE FOREIGN POWERS AND JURISDICTION OF THE BRITISH CROWN. By W. E. HALL. Oxford: The Clarendon Press. London: Stevens & Sons, Limited, New York: MacMillan & Co. Price, \$2.60. 1894.

The editors have received the above work, written by WILLIAM E. HALL, the celebrated English barrister, whose well-known text-book on "International Law" has already run through three editions and has placed its author in the front rank of modern English writers upon this subject. The best proof of Mr. HALL's standing in this respect, upon this side of the Atlantic, is the fact that it is the standard text-book on international law in use at the present time at Harvard University.

The subject of Mr. HALL's latest production is necessarily